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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A tapping valve of plastics material for transport and storage containers for liquids, wherein the tapping valve is constructed as a flap valve or ball valve, the tapping valve comprising a valve housing with an inlet connection connectable to an outlet connection of the liquid container and an outlet connection, wherein the outlet connection of the valve housing is welded to a male part of a quick disconnect coupling for connecting a discharge hose, wherein the valve housing with the inlet connection and the outlet connection is of a polyethylene of high density so as to give the housing a slight elasticity, and the male part of the quick disconnect coupling is welded to the outlet connection of the valve housing and is of a glass fiber-reinforced polyethylene of high density so as to give the male part of the coupling a high hardness that is harder than the hardness of the housing, wherein the outlet connection of the valve housing has a reduced diameter portion.

2. (Cancelled)